

4-H Vets Get Involved

Despite tremendous pressures for their time and talent, veterinarians still take time to participate in community affairs, such as the 4-H Veterinary Science Program, a survey indicates.

The National 4-H Veterinary Science Program -- conducted by the Cooperative Extension Service and Upjohn Company, is now in its seventh year. Almost 70,000 youth in some 1,400 counties throughout the U.S. take part.

Enrollment in the program increased about 14 percent last year, and 4-H officials

point out that the Veterinary Science Program is one of the fastest growing and most popular programs in 4-H today.

"Much credit for the success of the National 4-H Veterinary Science Program is due veterinarians and veterinary medical associations," says Norman C. Mindrum, director of the National 4-H Service Committee, in Chicago. "Their leadership and professional assistance are very much appreciated."

The extent to which veterinarians are involved was revealed by a survey conducted by the National 4-



Kids like animals and they get the opportunity to have fun with them while learning about their care and feeding through two 4-H programs. In the national 4-H dog care and training program, sponsored by Purina Dog Foods Groups, Ralston Purina Company, youths learn all about caring for their canine friends. Meanwhile, 4-H'ers who want to learn more about animal care and health can do so through the national 4-H veterinary science program, sponsored by The Upjohn Company.

H Service Committee.
373 Are Involved
In 4-H

According to the survey, 373 veterinarians are currently involved in a 4-H program, with 293 of them participating directly in the 4-H Veterinary Science Program. Of the 373

veterinarians, 234 serve as 4-H leaders and 179 are parents of 4-H members.

Significantly, 72 other veterinarians indicated on their questionnaires that they are interested in becoming involved in the National 4-H Veterinary Science Program. They are

being contacted by their state 4-H offices.

4-H Members Have Fun,
Learn Lots

In the Veterinary Science Course, 4-H'ers gain an insight into viruses -- including the one which produces rabies. They learn how disease in spread, the importance of vaccination

and how internal and external parasites can affect their pets and livestock.

The program appeals to 4-H youth whether they are on a farm, in a rural community, or in the city. It's a natural companion project for 4-H'ers enrolled in livestock or poultry projects.

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